

Salvation and Security

God shows us that His children had raised walls of rebellion; nonetheless, His salvation remains constant for anyone God has drawn to Himself:

Isa 49:13 Shout for joy, O the heavens! And rejoice, O the earth! Break into joyful shouting, O you, mountains! because the LORD is comforting His people, having compassion on His afflicted.

Isa 49:14-16 Zion said, “The LORD has forsaken me, the Lord has forgotten me.” “Can a woman be forgetful regarding her nursing child, having no compassion on the son of her womb? Even some of these may forget, but I will never forget you. “Behold, I inscribed you on the palms of My hands; **yet your walls are continually before Me.**

Psa 11:3-5 If the foundations be destroyed, What can the righteous do?” The LORD is in His holy temple; the LORD’S throne is in heaven; His eyes are looking, His eyelids are testing the sons of men. The LORD is testing the righteous and the wicked; and those who love violence His soul will hate.

Psalms 11:6-7 Upon the wicked He rains snares; Fire, brimstone, and burning wind will be the portion of their cup. The LORD is righteous; therefore ,He loves righteousness; **and the upright will be seeing His face.**

Men of peace who are acquainted with the Spirit of God are safe under His wings, regardless of dictators raining tyranny over the nations, oppressed by the Religion of Satan. In other words, the people of God can function within these tyrannies without succumbing to them. We look at Daniel and his friends, who were not overcome by the Babylonian totalitarian religion despite tremendous pressures put on them to break the commandments of God. Daniel and his companions were not willing to defile themselves with the kings’ food (Dan 1:8.) Daniel was not willing to suspend his daily prayers despite an injunction of death (Dan 6.) Daniel’s companions were willing to die rather than they bow to an image: Dan 3.

Daniel and his Companions are a prime example of undistracted devotion to God.

[1Co 7:35 NIV] I am saying this for your own good, not to restrict you, but that you may live in a right way in undivided devotion to the Lord.

The Corinthian Believers are a prime example of a whole group of believers being caught in the distractions of sin/carnality.

1. Suffering Loss But Not Loss of Salvation

Despite the failures of the Corinthians, there’s the need to display Paul’s confidence in them despite their prolonged Carnality. Paul was having complete confidence they would all be together with their Lord.

2Co 4:14 NASB knowing that He who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus and will present us with you.

Destruction related to the way being wide (versus the narrow Gate) is indicative of sowing to the flesh. Nothing sown in the flesh will pass through the narrow gate; thus, being destroyed; therefore, the person suffering loss (and lost opportunity) but not the loss of their salvation. We believe this because we're to be men of principle; weighing all the scriptures.

Mat 7:13 We should enter through the narrow gate; because the gate is wide, and the way is broad that leads to destruction; and many are entering through it.

2. The Savior's Name

The Greatest possible thing one needs to know regarding Salvation is the meaning of the Savior's name, that being the Lord Jesus Christ. First of all, «Lord » should be understood as (Sovereign/Supreme Ruler.) Supreme Ruler of the earth; King of Kings and Lord of Lords, the highest Ruler of Men and Angels that the world and the heavens will ever know. The title Lord associates Jesus with Son of David respecting heirship through true humanity (Son of Adam/Man/Son of David/Son of God). First and most importantly, the savior needed to be a perfect human to be the Lamb of God, thus providing atonement for the sins of all humanity.

[Jhn 1:29 NIV] 29 The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, "Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!"

Jesus bore our sins in His own (Body) on the tree.

1Pe 2:24 Jesus all alone bore our sins in His body on the tree, so that we can die to sin and live to righteousness; for by His wound we were healed.

1Tim 6:14-16 We are to keep the commandment of God without stain or reproach until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ, which He will reveal at the proper time —He is our blessed and only Sovereign, He is the King of those who reign as kings, and Lord of those who reign as lords, alone he possesses immortality, dwelling in unapproachable light, whom no man has seen or can see. To Him be the honor and eternal dominion! Amen.

Rev 17:14 "These are to wage war against the Lamb, but the Lamb will overcome them, because He is Lord of lords and King of kings, and those who are with Him are the called, chosen, and the faithful."

Secondly: the name Jesus means Savior, or Yahweh/Jehovah saves. To be correct, the name Jesus should be translated "Savior" in order to be faithful to what the Greek is implying.

Mat 1:21 "She will be bearing a Son; and His name shall be called Savior, because He will save His people from their sins."

Luk 2:11 Today in the city of David there has been born for you a Savior, who is the Anointed Lord.

Phil 2:9-11 For this reason, God highly exalted Him, and gave Him the name which is above every other name, so that at the name of Jesus/Savior, EVERY KNEE WILL BE

BOWING, of those who are in heaven, earth, and under the earth, and every tongue will be confessing that Jesus Christ is Lord, that God the Father be glorified.

Lastly, Christ means Anointed and should be understood as eternal God/The Father being completely present in the person of Jesus. All together we do well to understanding our Lord's full name as **Lord Savior, The Anointed one**. These can be said in any order as we see in the New Testament. Holding to the literal understanding of these words will keep us true to God's intentions regarding our edification in His Word; thus, avoiding any deceptions that could occur otherwise.

These literal meanings to our Lord's names will shed light on scriptures that otherwise could be misunderstood. There are those that will argue regarding the exact pronunciation of God's name; yet this can be of little profit, except to note there being only one Lord, that being Jesus.

3. One Lord

Some bibles indicate two different Lords, inadvertently causing deception.

Mar 12:28-34 One of the scribes heard them arguing, and recognizing that He had answered them correctly, asked Him, "What commandment is the most important of all?" **Jesus answered, "The most important is, 'HEAR, O ISRAEL! THE LORD OUR GOD IS ONE LORD; AND YOU SHALL LOVE THE LORD YOUR GOD WITH ALL YOUR HEART, SOUL, MIND, AND STRENGTH.'** "The second is this, 'YOU SHALL LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF.' There are no other commandments greater than these." **The scribe was saying to Him, "Right, Teacher; You have truly stated that HE IS ONE, AND THERE IS NO ONE ELSE BESIDES HIM; AND TO LOVE HIM WITH ALL THE HEART, UNDERSTANDING, AND STRENGTH, AND TO LOVE ONE'S NEIGHBOR AS HIMSELF, is much greater than all burnt offerings and sacrifices."** When Jesus saw that he had answered intelligently, He was saying to him, "You are not far from the kingdom of God." After these things were said, no one else would venture to ask Him more questions.

At this point, Jesus directs the teaching to provoke the thoughts of His listeners in the temple. Jesus attempts to use His previous conversation as a spring board to give the audience a greater understanding regarding His true identity.

Mar 12:35-37 Now Jesus began saying these things as He taught in the temple, "Why is it that the scribes say that the Anointed one/Christ is the son of David? "David himself said by the Holy Spirit, '**THE LORD SAID TO MY LORD, "SIT AT MY RIGHT HAND, UNTIL I PUT YOUR ENEMIES BENEATH YOUR FEET."**' "since David himself calls Him 'Lord'; in what sense is He his son?" And there was a large crowd that was gladly hearing Him.

Erroneously, translators chose a less reliable source for Mark 12:36 i.e. from the Septuagint, which is a good translation but, on the other hand, includes a very grave error. The Septuagint Translation is where the two Lords were created, thus contradicting the Scriptures of ONE LORD as confirmed previously by Jesus, **the one and only Lord of the scriptures**. The truth of One Lord is also confirmed by the Apostle Paul listing seven tenants of faith essential for Unity to exist within the Anointed Body of the Lord.

Eph 4:3-6 Paul instructs that there be diligence to preserve the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. Teaching that there is **one Body** and **one Spirit**, just as also we were called in **one hope**. There is **one Lord, one faith, one baptism, and one God and Father** of all, who is over all, through all, and in all.

In Mark 12:36 the first LORD in the verse should be rendered **Yahweh/Jehovah**; doing so gets us appropriately back to one Lord in the Scriptures; again, that Lord being Jesus. Mark 12:36 is a Quote from Psalm 110:1. In the End, everywhere the proper name of God has been changed from Jehovah/Yahweh to LORD will be rectified. Attacks on the scriptures such as this are divisive; Satan seeking confusion amongst God's people. The following is Psalm 110:1 rendered as it should be in faithfulness to the original Hebrew Manuscripts:

Psa 110:1 **Yahweh/Jehovah** says to my Lord: "Sit at My right hand until I make Your enemies a footstool for Your feet."

Jesus absolutely would have quoted the scriptures in this way; Him having complete understanding that His Father was/is Jehovah/Yahweh of the Hebrew Old Testament. Jesus would not have taught things that contradict the word of God. For that matter, Mark 12:35 and 36 have been so abused to support something that is entirely untrue. Because of this smokescreen, very few are understanding the point Jesus is trying to make. First of all, with the corrected translation, there is one Lord, that being Jesus. Secondly, we get to the heart of His question, which is pointing to the human aspect of Jesus.

4. The Human Aspect of Jesus

The answer to Jesus' Question is He's David's son according to the flesh, **Son of David**, also emphasizing that He would be seated on the throne of His Father in the Kingdom of Heaven and Earth. «**Son of David/Son of God**» is the idea Jesus was revealing to those who had eyes to see and ears to hear. Those in the crowd that were understanding these things would understand He was the Messiah.

Mark 12:37 "David himself calls Him 'Lord'; **therefore, in what sense is He his son?**"
The large crowd was glad about hearing Him.

We also know that God was in the Body of Jesus from birth (if not from conception, because The Holy Spirit/The Father created the seed, thus planting it in Mary. God provided for the fertilization of the egg resulting in a Virgin Pregnancy; thus, not having the contamination of the original sin of Adam.)

2Co 5:18-20 All these things are from God, who reconciled us to Himself through Christ, having given us the ministry of reconciliation, that is to say that **God was in Christ** reconciling the world to Himself, not counting their trespasses against them; He also, having placed in us the word of reconciliation. Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making an appeal through us; we beg you therefore on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God.

God fertilizing the egg of Mary was an act of Creation resulting in the birth of the Second Adam.

1Co 15:42-47 Also is the resurrection of the dead. It's sown a perishable body, and raised an imperishable body; it's sown in dishonor, but it's raised in glory; it's sown in

weakness, but it's raised in power; it's sown a natural body but it's raised a spiritual body. If there's a natural body, there's also the spiritual body. Therefore, it is written, "The first MAN, Adam, BECAME A LIVING SOUL." **The last Adam became a life-giving Spirit.** However, the spiritual is not first, but the natural; then the spiritual. The first man is from the earth, made of dust; but **the second man is from heaven.**

Even though God is in Jesus, more often than not Jesus was continually drawing attention to His Humanity, calling Himself the Son of Man/Adam. After all, the Lamb of God had to be true Humanity in order to qualify to be the Savior. Over twenty times in the Gospel of Mathew, Jesus refers to Himself as the Son of man; but we will say that no less emphasis should be given to His Godliness, because God is in the Savior.

Mat 12:8 "The Son of Man is the Lord of the Sabbath."

Mat 13:37 NASB "The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man".

2Co 5:19a ...God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself.

5. The Parable of the Soils

Now (in part) we have established the identity of our Savior; so, let's move on and see possibly the most vivid portrayal of God's willingness to save, as we see in the Parable of the Soils. This parable shows four different types of people God saves throughout any given time in history. This Parable is one of several passages in the scriptures demonstrating God's ability to get His harvest regardless of any human condition existing on earth. Through this parable, Jesus shows us the Gospel/seed sown in various types of soil. We know that most of the time a field is chosen because it holds the qualities necessary to produce good crops over its entire area. A farmer would not keep planting an area that would not produce a crop. That would be a waste of the seed and his time. However, God is seeding the Earth with the Gospel. So, metaphorically, four types of soil describe the particular environment a person finds themselves in when the Gospel is delivered by God. Just as this field has four types of soil conditions, so, too, the earth has four different types of people wanting the gift of Jesus/salvation, and they will not be refused.

(Mat 13:37-38a) Jesus was saying, "The one who was sowing the good seed is the Son of Man. And the field is the world; as for the good seed, these are the sons of the kingdom.

(Luk 8:4-8) A large crowd was coming together, and those from various cities were journeying to Him, and He was speaking by way of a parable saying: "The sower went out to sow his seed; therefore, as he sowed, some fell beside the road, and it was being trampled underfoot, and the birds of the heaven ate it up. "Other seeds fell in rocky soil, and as soon as it was growing up, it withered away, because there was no moisture. "Other seeds fell among the thorns; and growing up with it, they were choked out. "Other seeds fell on the good soil, and therefore grew up, and produced a crop a hundred times as great."

We are seeing an "inevitability" in all of this. No person has a choice as to the places they will find themselves when God Brings the Gospel to them. There is no blame here, nor could there ever be, except it be in blasphemy against those whom God is choosing to save. Again, no one can control where they will be when the Gospel comes to them. Yet God in his mercy saves all those willing to receive His Seed/Gospel/Word.

(Luk 8(b)-10) As Jesus was saying these things, He would call out saying, “He who has ears to hear, let him hear.” After this His disciples began questioning Him as to what this parable meant. And He said, “To you it’s been granted to know the mysteries of the kingdom of God, but to all the rest it is in parables, so that SEEING THEY MAY NOT SEE, AND HEARING THEY MAY NOT UNDERSTAND.

This last statement is in no way indicative the Lord is withholding salvation-related information to the masses. However, it is indicating that God chooses to train up directly the ones that are drawing to Him first.

NASB Eph 1:12 to this end, that we who were the first to hope in Christ, should be to the praise of His glory. Eph 1:12 NASB

The ones that are with Jesus (in fellowship with Him every day) will learn all there is to know regarding God and His plan of Salvation. Those who are drawing near to Jesus/God can take these truths to the ones who were previously hearing them in Parables... When anyone of us is finally understanding a parable, there’s always a miracle involved. We say to ourselves; “How is it that I did not see this before?” A parable is simple, yet profound; nevertheless, until the Lord opens our eyes to their meaning, they remain a mystery.

- **The seed Beside the Road**

NASB Luk 8:11-12 “Now the parable is this: the seed is the word of God. “Those beside the road are those who have heard; then the devil comes and takes away the word from their heart, so that they will not believe and be saved. NASB

Here we are seeing the worst-case scenario of those that God intends to save. These are the ones getting saved by a tremendous act of mercy and insight of the Lord. Had not the Devil subverted the delivery of the Gospel to these persons, they would have been saved. These people want the gift of salvation, and there is no evil in the world that is going to stop God from saving them. This relates to the principle of positive volition at God Consciousness. God knows everyone who would receive Him providing they had the proper opportunity to hear the truth. The persons described here are the victims of any society; those that are overlooked, oppressed/enslaved, and humiliated by much of the populace. These are those that have slipped through the cracks and are trampled under the feet of unfeeling others. In every case, God will save these people, regardless of any stumbling block the Devil or Man can throw at them.

NASB Mat 13:41 “The Son of Man will send His angels, and they will gather out of His kingdom all the stumbling blocks, and those who commit lawlessness.

Rom 1:18 The wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men who intentionally suppress the truth.

NASB Jhn 1:12-13 But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name, who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God. NASB

Jas 2:12-13 Speak and act like those who are to be judged by the law of liberty. Judgment will be merciless to everyone who has shown no mercy; **mercy always triumphs over judgment.**

The above scripture is noteworthy because it demonstrates that we can be without mercy, but we have a God that has mercy that transcends Judgement. We should always embrace a merciful attitude toward all mankind.

There can be great attacks against those who are prepared to deliver God's word with certain degree of clarity. Satan seeks to subvert everything the Lord does; yet Jesus is actively seeking and saving everyone willing to receive His words. Jesus knows our hearts, they being opened and laid bare before the Lord.

Heb 4:12-13 For the word of God is alive and powerful, sharper than any two-edged sword; and pierces as far as the division of soul and spirit, getting into the joints and marrow, and is a critic of the thoughts and intentions of the heart. There is no creature hidden from His sight, but all things are opened and in full view to the eyes of Him with whom we have to do.

- **The Seed On the Rocks**

Luk 8:13 "Those who are on the rocky soil hear and receive the word with joy; but these have no firm root; therefore, they believe for a little while, but in time of temptation fall away.

Here we have a person whose life is on the rocks. They receive the gospel (even joyfully) but because of the rocks they cannot get their root (volition) down where the moisture/Word/where the deep truths are found. This is an inevitable outcome; yet, because of God's mercy, salvation is always available to anyone willing to say yes to the Gospel. These environmental handicaps faced by a majority of people don't allow for uninhibited volition as is the case of the seed falling in the good soil. Those born in the good soil are being held responsible, bearing fruit for eternal life; thus, sharing the Gospel/Seed with the disadvantaged. Because of bad environment they were not able to bear fruit; none the less, God is Gracious and merciful. Praise The LORD!!

Much of what the Bible shows regarding God's so great salvation remains to be seen. We should read everything thoroughly in order to establish a storehouse of truth in our hearts. Near the end of this study, the Book of Revelations most effectively washes away whatever remains to be healed in us. The book of Revelations Reveals the limitlessness of the Lord's Salvation, willing to receive anyone calling on His Name.

NASB Act 2:21 '... EVERYONE WHO CALLS UPON THE NAME OF THE LORD WILL BE SAVED.'

- **The Seed Among the Thorns**

Luk 8:14-15) "The seeds which fell among the thorns are the ones who have heard, but as they go their way, are choked with worries, riches, and the pleasures of this life, and bring no fruit to maturity.

In many cases, criminals are a prime example of those who have been overcome by a bad environment, as was the case with the thief on the *post* beside Jesus. Here we have a man with a history of criminality; but He turned to Jesus and was saved.

NOTICE: ***Post, not Cross**. The Word commonly translated as cross is not found in Scriptures. The Greek Word *stauros* should have been translated as *post* or *stake*. Another word to refer to the same instrument of death is "tree" (Gr. *xylon*). The Cross is an old Babylonian symbol.

(Luk 23:39-43) One of the criminals who was hanging there was hurling abuse at Jesus, saying, "Are You not the Christ? Save Yourself and us!" But the other criminal answered, and rebuking him said, "Are you not even going to fear God, since you are under the same sentence of death? "Indeed we are suffering justly, receiving exactly what we deserve because of our deeds; but this man is innocent." And he was saying, "Jesus, remember me when You come in Your kingdom!" And Jesus said to him, "Truly I say to you, this day you shall be with Me in Paradise."

Rom 8:1 There is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.

Rom 4:5 Therefore, the one who does not work, but believes in the Savior/Jesus who justifies the ungodly, this faith is credited to him as righteousness.

Eph 2:8-10 It is by grace that we have been saved through faith; and not as a result of anything from ourselves, it's completely a gift of God; not as a result of anyone's works, therefore no one can boast about anything. Because we are the result of His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus in order that we do good works, which God even prepared beforehand so that we would walk in them.

- **The Seed In Good Soil**

Luk 18:15 "The seed in the good soil, are the ones who hear the word with an honest and good heart, and hold to it, and therefore bear fruit because of perseverance.

To be born of God in the good soil is an inherent advantage for some. It's inevitable that these individuals will bear fruit. These having no stumbling blocks will bear fruit for those without these advantages.

Psa 119:165 Those who love Your law have great peace; they have no stumbling blocks in them.

The seed sown beside the road have been subjected to injustices/stumbling blocks. These have been trampled under the feet of society that is trespassing the commandments of God.

Mat 18:6-7 Whoever causes one of the little ones who believe in Me to stumble, it would be better for them to have a heavy millstone hung around their neck, and to be drowned in the depth of the sea. "Woe to the world because of its stumbling blocks! It's

inevitable that stumbling blocks come; but woe to the person through whom the stumbling block comes!

It's important to realize that the ones who are stumbling others are liable before God, not the ones who are being stumbled.

Mat 13:41-43 "The Son of Man will be sending His angels, and they will be gathering all of the stumbling blocks out of His Kingdom, and those who commit lawlessness, throwing them into the furnace of fire; in that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. 43 "Then THE RIGHTEOUS WILL SHINE AS THE SUN in the kingdom of their Father. He who has ears, let him hear.

6. Building on the Foundation

The following passage from the scriptures is metaphoric language, thus symbolic, and is not indicative of literal gold, straw, or fire. The language is describing the believer that is in or out of fellowship with God. Everything in the Bible passage below demonstrates the inevitability of the believer producing both enduring spiritual wealth or that which is not. The precious metals and stones are indicative of the believer's life while in fellowship, therefore they are producing divine good; whereas the alternative is dead works, thus, anything the believer did of value while out of God's fellowship. Out of fellowship means the believer has an unconfessed sin, or sins, in their life.

1Co 3:12-15 If any man builds on the foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, and straw, each man's work will become evident; for the day will show it, because it is to be revealed with fire, and the fire itself will test the works of each man; that is, as to what type they are. If any man's work which he has built on is still there, he will receive a reward. If any man's work is all burned up, he will suffer loss; but he will be saved, as thou through fire.

From verse ten, first Corinthians three is symbolic imagery designed to communicate eternal security. Those who put their trust/faith/confidence in Jesus are never refused by the Lord. Neither is any confession of sin required on the day of salvation. In fact, until we enter into God's life through faith in Christ, some have little or no consciousness of sin. It is when a believer grows spiritually that their senses are trained to discern good and evil.

Heb 5:14 Solid food is for the one who is mature, who because of practice have had their senses trained to discern between good and evil.

1Co 4:4 I am conscious of nothing that is against me, yet I am in no way acquitted because of this; because the one who examines me is the Lord.

Were it not for the Lord being in our lives after we responded to the Gospel, and the resultant growth because of assimilating His Word, all of us would remain in sin. No one could find God; but God draws all men to Himself through Jesus Christ. Jesus calls us to Himself; thus, going to Him, we find rest for our souls.

Mat 11:27-30 "Everything has been handed over to Me by My Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father; neither does anyone know the Father except the Son,

or anyone to whom the Son wills to reveal Him. “**Come unto Me**, all who are weary and heavy-laden, and I will surely give you rest. “Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, because I am gentle and humble in heart, and **YOU WILL FIND REST FOR YOUR SOULS**. “Because My yoke is easy and My load is light.”

[Jhn 6:44-45 NIV] 44 "No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws them, and I will raise them up at the last day. 45 It is written in the Prophets: 'They will all be taught by God.' Everyone who has heard the Father and learned from him comes to me.

NASB Jhn 10:27-30 “My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me; and I give eternal life to them, and they will never perish; and no one will snatch them out of My hand. “My Father, who has given them to Me, is greater than all; and no one is able to snatch them out of the Father’s hand. “I and the Father are one.” NASB

7. Faith Alone in The Anointed Savior Alone

Faith, in essence, is saying yes to the gospel of Jesus Christ; thus, God saves us completely apart from any human merits; thus, the realization of faith for righteousness appropriates the salvation gift from God.

Rom 4:5 It is the one who does not work but believes in Jesus who justifies the ungodly, it’s this faith that is credited as righteousness.

Col 2:14 God canceled out the certificate of debt consisting of decrees that were against us, they were hostile towards us; and He has taken them out of the way, having nailed them to the post.

John 1:12 As many who have received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name.

We receive Him through faith and nothing more. Though the faith may be weak, He always hears it.

NASB Heb 9:28 Christ, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear **a second time** for salvation **without reference to sin**, to those who wait eagerly for Him. NASB

Rom 8:2 The law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has **set you free** from the law of sin and death.

The Spirit of Life in Christ which saved Jesus out of (**our**) sins, is the **New Law** having set us free for a salvation not in reference to sin. The Issue is the decision of Faith in the Savior for righteousness.

Rom 3:25-26 God passed over the sins that were previously committed, in demonstration of His righteousness that would be revealed at the present time. In doing this, God was just (showing clemency,) therefore He is the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus Christ.

Rom 4:5 Therefore, the one who does not work, but believes in Him who justifies the ungodly, it's the faith of this one, that is credited as righteousness.

8. Sin After Salvation

The scriptures guarantee we will sin after this one-time only gift of salvation; but just as Jesus is never to die again because of sin, neither are His Children.

NASB 1Jo 1:10 If we say that we have not sinned, we make Him a liar and His word is not in us.

1Jo 2:4-6 Yet the one who says, "I have come to know God," Yet does not keep His commandments is a liar, and the truth is not found in him; but whoever is keeping His word, in this person the love of God has been truly perfected. It is by these things that we know we are in Him: The Person who is saying he abides in Jesus, should also walk in the same manner as He.

- **Dead to Sin; Alive to God**

Rom 6:5-12 Therefore if we have become united with Jesus in the likeness of His death, certainly we shall also be in His resurrection, knowing this (the fact that our old self was crucified with Him, in order that our body of sin is of no significance, in order that we would no longer be slaves to sin; because, he who has died is freed from sin). Now, if we have died with Christ, we also know that we shall live with Him. Knowing that Christ, having been raised from the dead, is never to die again; death no longer has power over Him. Because the death that He died, He died to sin once for everyone; but the life that He lives, He lives for God. Therefore, consider yourselves to be dead to sin, and alive to God in Christ Jesus. Therefore, do not let sin reign in your mortal body as to obey its lusts.

We were dead, but now we are dead to sin; again, we are alive for righteousness. We will never again be under the condemnation of sin, but we will certainly be punished for carnality. In other words, we can be punished by the Lord if we are walking in the darkness. Any mind set on the flesh, remaining in us after the moment of Salvation, needs to be washed away by the Word of God.

Eph 5:25-27 Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church, giving Himself up for her, so that He sanctifies her, having cleansed her by the washing of water of the word, so that He presents to Himself the Church in all her glory; thus, having no spot or wrinkle or any such thing; that she be holy and blameless.

Paul is using the imagery of Husband and Wife; the Wife being the Church and the Husband being Christ. Christ is washing the Church with the Word of God, as Paul demonstrates in the following verse.

NASB Eph 5:32 This mystery is great; but I am speaking with reference to Christ and the Church. NASB

9. Blasphemy against the Holy Spirit

There is only one sin that will not be forgiven man, that being the sin of Blasphemy of the Holy Spirit.

Mat 12:31 “Therefore I say to you, any sin and blasphemy the people will be forgiven, but blasphemy against the Spirit shall not be forgiven.

The enemies of Jesus were saying that a demon-possessed man was healed/saved by Satan; in reality, this man was made clean by an act of God’s power. The Spirit is God’s substance, God’s life, just as our Blood is the life to our human bodies. The source of Jesus’ life and salvation is God’s Spirit, and is the saving force washing us from our sins. The Pharisees were blaspheming the very power of God that saves, therefore, they were rejecting and blaspheming the very substance of God that saves. In Verse 32 Jesus even acknowledges that sins against Himself would be forgiven. Because the Gospel of Jesus is delivered through agency of God’s Substance/Spirit, rejection of the gospel of Jesus Christ is Rejection of God; because it is the Holy Spirit who bears witness about Jesus and convinces the world concerning sin of unbelief in the Savior:

[Jhn 15:26 ESV] 26 "But when the Helper comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth, who proceeds from the Father, he will bear witness about me.

Jhn 16:7-9 "I tell you the truth, it’s to your advantage that I go away; because if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you; but if I go, I will send Him to you. 8 "And He, when He comes, will convict the world of sin, righteousness, and judgment; concerning sin, because they do not believe in Me.

Mat 12:32 “Anyone who speaks a word against the Son of Man/Jesus, it shall be forgiven them; but whoever speaks against the Holy Spirit will not be forgiven, neither in this age nor the age to come.

The Holy Spirit is the actual substance of God Appropriating Salvation. Jesus is the sin bearer; thus, He bore all sins common to man, but not those against God/Spirit. All sin was judged in Jesus’ Body, once for all, even the sins taking place after the Post. Jesus was/is the Lamb of God taking away the sins of the World.

10. Jesus, the Lamb of God

[Jhn 1:29 NIV] 29 The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, "Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!

Rom 8:3-4 What the Law could not do, because it was weak, it being according to the flesh, God did by sending His own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh as an offering for sin; therefore, God condemned sin in the flesh, so that the requirements of the Law would be fulfilled in us, **who are not walking according to the flesh, but the Spirit.**

The Law was only weak in that it pictured or foreshadowed what would be coming in the future, that being Jesus Christ who would take away the sins of the world. So, the law of Moses was all symbolic and foreshadowed the good things to come in Christ. Regarding Romans 8, the last part of verse 3 becomes very important; it says **He condemned sin in the flesh**; that is, the limits of the destruction of sin are confined to the body; and, secondly: with sin unconfessed, we are no longer growing spiritually. God has greater things in store for His children. If we are stalling out spiritually, He will provide incentives so we wake up and continue to grow.

NASB Heb 12:4-11 You have not yet resisted to the point of shedding blood in your striving against sin; and you have forgotten the exhortation which is addressed to you as sons, “MY SON, DO NOT REGARD LIGHTLY THE DISCIPLINE OF THE LORD [it should read *Jehovah*], NOR FAINT WHEN YOU ARE REPROVED BY HIM; FOR THOSE WHOM THE LORD [it should read *Jehovah*] LOVES HE DISCIPLINES, AND HE SCOURGES EVERY SON WHOM HE RECEIVES.” It is for discipline that you endure; God deals with you as with sons; for what son is there whom his father does not discipline? But if you are without discipline, of which all (true believers) have become partakers, then you are illegitimate children and not sons. Furthermore, we had earthly fathers to discipline us, and we respected them; shall we not much rather be subject to the Father of Spirits, and live? They disciplined us for a short time as seemed best to them, but He disciplines us for our good, so that we may share His holiness. All discipline for the moment seems (not) to be joyful, but sorrowful; yet to those who have been trained by it, afterwards it yields the peaceful fruit of righteousness. NASB

11. Human Works: Useless to Save

It's important to realize that unbelievers are being judged at the (end) of time; and there will be no sins mentioned regarding their condemnation. Unbelievers are willing to point out their “deeds” i.e. good deeds as being their system of merits/evil for Salvation. Nonetheless, good deeds are a system of human hypocrisy; this being human righteousness that God rejects in the same way God rejected Cain's offering of Vegetables. God in this picture immortalizes His rejection of Human Works for salvation. A farmer puts a great deal of effort to bring his produce to market, yet no effort/work on the part of sinful man can save; only one act of Faith towards the works of Jesus Christ will save us. God's truth is a life for a life; thus, Abel provided the firstlings of the flock thus foreshadowing the sacrifice of Jesus.

Gen 4:3-7 It came about over the course of time that Cain brought an offering to Jehovah of the fruits of the ground. Abel, on his part brought the fatted portions of the firstlings of his flock. Jehovah had regard for Abel's offering; but for Cain's offering Jehovah had no regard. Therefore, Cain became enraged and his countenance fell. With this, Jehovah said to Cain, “Why are you angry, and why has your countenance fallen?” “If you do what is right, will not your countenance be lifted back up? But if you refuse, sin is crouching at the door; and its desire is to overpower you, but you must overpower it.”

Eph 2:8-9 By grace we have been saved through faith; and that not of ourselves, it is the gift of God; not as a result of our works, so that no one can boast.

12. What is Salvation?

Salvation is having an appreciation of Christ's gift/sacrifice of Himself on the Post. The Post is a picture of sacrifice. It also pictures values: The Father valued above all His uniquely born Son. The Father was completely satisfied with the perfect life of His son on earth; thus, qualifying Him to be the bearer of our sins, and the very standard of righteousness that God expects of all those trusting in Him for salvation. At the point of faith in Christ, God imputes the very righteousness of Jesus to our account. With salvation secured once and for all, we are to maintain divine guidance in our lives. The point is that only through divine guidance, can we do the will of God. Therefore, if we are out of fellowship with God, thus walking

in the flesh, we are having no divine guidance. **After salvation**, the first time we sin we are walking in the darkness, unless we immediately confess those sins; and He is faithful and just to forgive us and cleanse us from all wrong doing (1 Jn 1:9). Only when we walk in the light can we please God (1Jn 1:7).

Confession of sin is a requirement of believers only. (For the Unbeliever, the issue is Faith in Christ for Righteousness.) Again, we are saved through faith; after this, the first time we sin, we are out of fellowship with God; thus, requiring confession of sin for restored fellowship. When a believer sins, he is walking in the flesh/darkness. The requirement of the law can only be fulfilled by a believer who is in fellowship with God. Carnal believers cannot please God. Unconfessed sin will eventually call for the Father's loving correction of His Children.

Rom 8:4 That the requirement of the Law be fulfilled in us, who are not walking according to the flesh, but the Spirit.

If we walk in the flesh after salvation, we grieve and even quench the power of God in our lives.

[Eph 4:30 CSB] 30 And don't grieve God's Holy Spirit. You were sealed by him for the day of redemption.

NASB 1Th 5:19 Do not quench the Spirit. NASB

13. Unconfessed Sin

If sinning persists, God will punish us at the source of the sin i.e. the Body. If we chose to keep on sinning after salvation, this can only lead to the punishing of our body all the way to death if sin remains unchecked; nonetheless we will be forgiven after we die.

(Isa 22:14) Jehovah of the armies revealed Himself to me, "Surely this iniquity shall not be forgiven you until you die," says Jehovah GOD of the armies.

The previous verse contextually is Israel prior to their judgement. God's People/Children were even involved in sacrificing their children to the fire. They had succumbed to the lies of Babylonian Religion; thus, Satan having them involved in every type of distortion imaginable. God is always ready to deliver His Children knowing the inevitabilities of these being trapped in the snares of Satan. Nonetheless, God provides instruction; but if we forsake it, we are found guilty, thus requiring correction, unless there's swift recovery/confession. God demands growth rather than continuing to sin in an unrestrained way. God knows we are weak; therefore, He provides providential preventive suffering, in other words, suffering for blessing. With this added blessing/suffering, we are able to move on as a result of suffering that takes away any enjoyment we could have in sinning. Again, suffering for blessing creates an ability to move away from our sinning, setting our eyes toward our heavenly calling in Christ. If not, there is only the sin unto death; but never loss of Salvation.

14. Sin unto Death

This is dying the sin face to face with death. This happens because we have grieved and quenched the Spirit of God who is in us. Any sin that a believer commits, regardless of it being a minor sin or major, will get us out of fellowship with God. We are called not even to pray for such a person (if they are being punished to death):

1Jo 5:16-17 Anyone seeing a brother committing a sin (not) leading to death, should ask and God on behalf of this one will give life to those who commit sins (not) leading to death. **There's a sin leading to death**; I'm not saying that he should make request for this one. All unrighteousness is sin, **and there's sin that does not lead to death.**

We are not being punished for the actual sin; we are punished for the breach of fellowship it creates. We are also punished if we fail to make proper restitution regarding sins that have had a negative impact on the lives of others. Any property damage requires we add 20% to make complete amends for the wrong doing.

Num 5:7 Then this person shall confess his sins which he has committed. Then he is supposed to make restitution in full for his wrong adding one-fifth to it, then giving it to him whom he's wronged.

Restitution may be as simple as an apology, or something far greater. The Apostle Paul addresses the issues of sin with the Corinthian believers; thus, describing the escalating repercussions experienced by them because of unconfessed sins and failures regarding restitution. The Corinthian believers were coming to their Holy gatherings in a state of carnality. The Bread pictures God's Truth/Body/the Word of God; while the Wine/Blood/Spirit pictures the actual living substance of God. All Together, 1 Corinthians 11:17-34 pictures God's Children functioning in a state of darkness or breach of fellowship with the Lord.

15. Admission and Restitution

NASB 1Co 11:27-28 Therefore whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner, shall be guilty, as treating unclean the body and the blood of the Lord. But a man must **examine** himself, and in so doing he is to eat of the bread and drink of the cup. NASB

God is calling us to examine ourselves before we go to any Holy Gathering of God's People. Examination requires we find in ourselves anything unclean, thus, confessing it to be forgiven.

Lev 5:5 'It shall be that when a person becomes guilty of any these things, that he should confess his sins.

In regard to property damage, Restitution involves replacement of the loss plus an added twenty percent of the value. For example, if the trespass involves an animal grazing on a neighbor's property, restitution would be the value of the lost produce plus an additional twenty percent.

[Psa 32:5 CSB] 5 Then I acknowledged my sin to you and did not conceal my iniquity. I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD," and you forgave the guilt of my sin. Selah

1Jo 1:6-10 If we say that we are in fellowship with the Lord, and yet we are walking in the darkness, we are lying and therefore not practicing the truth; but if we walk in the Light just as He Himself is in the Light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus His Son is cleansing us from all of our sins. If we are saying that we have

not sinned, we are deceiving ourselves, and there is no truth in us. If we confess our sins, God is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins, cleansing us from all wrong doing. If we say that we have not sinned, it insinuates the Lord is a liar, but on the contrary, His word is not in us.

NASB 1Co 11:29 For he who eats and drinks, eats and drinks judgment to himself if he does not judge the body rightly. NASB

The picture of verse 29 above is one of false examination, thus, no restoration of fellowship; therefore the stages of discipline taking over, providing the believer with incentives to make things right with God.

1Co 11:30 For this reason many among you are weak/warning discipline, and sickly/dying discipline, and a number of you have died.

On the other hand, making proper assessments of one's spiritual condition/health, and taking the proper actions, produces restored Fellowship with God.

1Co 11:31-32 If we judge ourselves in honesty, we will not be judged. But when we are judged, we are disciplined by our Lord so that we will not be condemned with the world.

16. Disciplined though Not Condemned

Being God's Children, we are disciplined in every case; otherwise we would be judged along with unbelievers. Any punishment coming to the Believer comes to us while in our earthly body. Everything related to Judgement/punishment coming to the **unbeliever** comes to them after death; thus, the Second Death at the Great White Throne of God is destined for those rejecting the Savior/Jesus Christ.

NASB Rev 2:11 'He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. He who overcomes will not be hurt by the second death.' NASB

[Rev 20:6 CSB] 6 Blessed and holy is the one who shares in the first resurrection! The second death has no power over them, but they will be priests of God and of Christ, and they will reign with him for a thousand years.

[Rev 20:14-15 CSB] 14 Death and Hades were thrown into the lake of fire. This is the second death, the lake of fire. 15 And anyone whose name was not found written in the book of life was thrown into the lake of fire.

As for the believer, the Law of Spirituality and the Law of Carnality are mutually exclusive. We're either 100% in fellowship with God, or 100% out of fellowship with God. The moment we confess our sin or sins, we are immediately reaping the benefits that only our relationship with God affords us. On the other hand, when the time comes that we sin, we will again be walking in darkness; a position in which we can only produce dead works and evil.

Rom 8:5-6 Those who are walking according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who are walking according to the Spirit, focus their minds on the

things of the Spirit. The thinking focused on the fleshly things is death, but the focus on the Spirit is life and peace.

17. Let us Press on to Maturity (Perfection)

The Believer out of fellowship can be doing many good deeds and appear as though there is something happening with a Godly value; but nothing could be farther from the truth; because God demands perfect righteousness from His children.

Rom 12:2 Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renovation of your thinking, so that you can prove what the will of God is, that which is good, acceptable, and perfect.

Phl 3:12 Not that I have already obtained it or have already become perfect/complete, but I press on so that I may take hold of that for which also I was taken hold of by Christ Jesus.

Jas 1:4 let your endurance have its perfect result, so that you can be perfect and complete, and lacking nothing.

1Pe 5:10 After we have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who called us to His eternal glory in Christ, will Himself perfect, confirm, strengthen and establish us.

When we are in fellowship with God, no matter what we do, divine good is being produced; and this remains the case until there is sin. On the other hand, the unbeliever cannot please God no matter how many Good Deeds he may do.

[2Co 6:15 NET] 15 And what agreement does Christ have with Beliar? Or what does a believer share in common with an unbeliever?

Beliar is in fact a very unpleasant creature/Fallen Angel/Demon that can cause poking sensations on the body, even feeling like needles? There are various fallen angels/demons, previously of the Lord's Army. God can turn a believer over to one of these if sin or failures to respect certain aspects of Biblical teachings are unheeded. Some believers are not willing to face up to their life-saving responsibilities towards Jesus Christ. The daily decision always remains; "Will I continue to press forward, or will I be distracted yet another day?"

NASB 2Pe 1:3-9 seeing that His divine power has granted to us everything pertaining to life and godliness, through the true knowledge of Him who called us by His own glory and excellence. For by these He has granted to us His precious and magnificent promises, so that by them you may become partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world by lust. Now for this very reason also, applying all diligence, in your faith supply moral excellence, and in your moral excellence, knowledge, and in your knowledge, self-control, and in your self-control, perseverance, and in your perseverance, godliness, and in your godliness, brotherly kindness, and in your brotherly kindness, love. If these qualities are yours and increasing, they render you neither useless nor unfruitful in the true knowledge of our

Lord Jesus Christ. He who lacks these qualities is blind or short-sighted, having forgotten his purification from his former sins. NASB

We see at the close (2Pet 1:9) that it is possible for a person to forget he was saved.

A **Believer** out of fellowship cannot please God until there is restoration of fellowship. Until there is restoration of fellowship the believer is under the principle of warning discipline/weakness, intensive discipline/sickness; and if the sin still remains unchecked/unconfessed, he will be under dying discipline; and the believer is taken home to be with the Lord. This pattern can happen quickly if the believer is harboring unrestrained resentment towards the Lord or His People; or can take place over many years. With an attitude of repentance, and confessing of sin, along with spiritual growth, the process is turned into suffering for blessing. In time, the weakness/sickness is taken away. On the other hand, the suffering can be taken away immediately; therefore, it appears as though a miracle has happened.

1Jo 1:9 If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all wrong doing.

Nonetheless, it seems many believers do suffer from various stages of digression and advance before we buckle down completely; thus, taking hold of our responsibilities given us by God.

1Co 9:24, 26 Do you not know that those who run in a race are all running, but only one of them receives the prize? We should run in such a way that we win. Therefore, I run in such a way that I have good aim; I will box in such a way so that I'm not just beating the air.

The Apostle Paul faced tremendous sufferings in order to fulfill his responsibilities before God.

2Ti 4:6-8 Paul was being poured out as a drink offering/sacrifice, and the time of his departure to heaven was drawing near. He had fought the good fight and had finished the course that God set before him, He had kept the faith; so, in the future there is laid up for him the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to Him on that day; but to not only him, but to everyone who will love the Lord's appearing.

18. Christian Division

The worst-case scenario for the Believer is shown in First Corinthians 3, where the Corinthian believers are divided because of a sense of competitiveness/jealousy towards one another. Corinth was a very successful multi ethnic city where many trades merged, thus, providing many manufactured goods to various places on the continent. A multi ethnic culture has a potential to create an inordinately competitive environment, lacking the basic elements of love/unity.

1Co 3:1 Brethren, I cannot speak to you as to spiritual men, but as men of the flesh, as to infants in Christ.

1Co 3:2-3 I gave you milk to drink, not solid food; for you were not yet able to receive it. Indeed, even now you are not yet able, for you are still fleshly. For since there is

jealousy and strife among you, are you not fleshly, and are you not walking like regular men?

Paul is suggesting they are walking like unbelievers, but in fact they are believers sealed for the day of redemption, with no danger of losing their salvation; the only danger being that of disciplinary action. This opening verse is indicative the Corinthians are walking in their own power; not the power of God/His Spirit. They were being name droppers, attempting to boost one's own moral, suggesting that one person was better to be baptized by than another; thus dividing them into social groups/clicks.

[1Co 3:4-8 CSB] 4 For whenever someone says, "I belong to Paul," and another, "I belong to Apollos," are you not acting like mere humans? 5 What then is Apollos? What is Paul? They are servants through whom you believed, and each has the role the Lord has given. 6 I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth. 7 So then neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth. 8 Now he who plants and he who waters are one, and each will receive his own reward according to his own labor.

If there is cause for commendation, Paul suggests that it be of one's own accomplishments, and not trying to build up oneself by stating the works of another man.

NASB 2Co 10:16 Paul had Preached the gospel even to the regions beyond Corinth, and suggested that they should not boast in what had been accomplished in the sphere of another person. NASB

[1Co 3:9-11 NET] 9 We are coworkers belonging to God. You are God's field, God's building. 10 According to the grace of God given to me, like a skilled master-builder I laid a foundation, but someone else builds on it. And each one must be careful how he builds. 11 For no one can lay any foundation other than what is being laid, which is Jesus Christ.

Here Paul is already suggesting there being eternal security in Christ; but these facts will be confirmed in ways that only God can do. This passage in Corinthians reflects there are other workers of God coming in after Paul, thus, building up the people in the faith. Paul is recommending they be careful moving forward. Paul's wanting their teachings to be held to a high standard, so there be no opportunities lost because of negligence related to Jealousy/carnality being the seed of further division.

(1Co 3:12) If anyone builds on the foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, and straw.

Verse 12 above indicates symbolic imagery in the use of adequate and inadequate building materials. The idea here is that God will require the Gold, Silver and Precious Stones, and not the perishable type materials.

1Co 3:13 Everyone's work will become evident; because the day will show it, because it is to be revealed with fire, therefore, the fire itself will test the quality of each man's work.

Notice the works are tested in the fire and not the man himself.

1Co 3:14-15 If anyone's work which is built on the foundation remains, this one will receive a reward. If anyone's work is burned up, he will suffer loss; but will still be saved, yet as through fire.

The previous 2 verses represent two types of believers, one receiving rewards in heaven while the other has nothing (but nevertheless, he is saved.) Both persons responded to the Gospel with faith alone in Christ alone; this faith is as simple as saying, "I want you, Jesus", and nothing more. The reason there is little reward for the second one is there were opportunities set before them that provided the possibilities to grow, but these chose the way of the flesh. There will be every level of blessing in between: small amounts of blessing, medium and great amounts of blessing, depending on our faithfulness to the opportunities God provides.

19. A colossal deception

The following verse includes two of the greatest mistranslations/forgeries in the bible. This error is in fact colossal, leading countless numbers into erroneous thinking; but, of course, none of these are forsaken by the Lord. **The incorrect word** in both verses **is the word "destroy"**. There are few Greek words in the bible that can rightly be translated destroy but they are entirely different Greek words than is found here. The Greek word here is φθείρω/phtheirō. This word suggests desecration, uncleanness, and to be Defiled; but not annihilation or the idea that something was reduced to nothing. This is a verse often cited by the Great Harlot as being reflective of suicide and the person losing their salvation; yet nothing could be farther from the truth.

"Desecration" is the best word here because Paul is pointing to the fact that the body of the believer is the true temple of God; this being the case since the sacrifice of Christ even until now, and beyond. (Although during the Tribulations the Jewish temple will be rebuilt in Jerusalem). Below is the corrected verse.

1Co 3:17-23 If any man **desecrates** the temple of God, God will **desecrate** him, for the temple of God is holy, and that is what you are. Let no one deceive himself. If anyone among you thinks that he is wise in this age, he must become foolish, so that he can become wise. The wisdom of the world is foolishness before God. It is written, "He is THE ONE WHO CATCHES THE WISE IN THEIR CRAFTINESS"; again, "Jehovah KNOWS THE REASONINGS of the wise, THAT THEY ARE USELESS."

Therefore, let no one boast in men. Because all things belong to you, whether it be Paul, Apollos or Cephas or the world or life or death or things present or things to come; all things belong to you, and you belong to Christ; and Christ belongs to God.

This last verse demonstrates that we literally inherit everything that Christ Inherits, not only now, but in the future also.

20. Keep Short Accounts with God

The following is a demonstration of God's Grace concerning the laws of carnality and spirituality; they being mutually exclusive from one another. Again, God uses different rhetoric to expose the same truths. All He requires is that we keep a short account, getting back in fellowship with Him when necessary.

Rom 8:7-8 Therefore the mind set on the flesh is hostile toward God; because it does not subject itself to the law of God, because it's not even able to do so. Those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

Verses seven and eight show us that a life out of fellowship with God cannot produce anything of value.

Rom 8:9-13 You are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if in fact the Spirit of God is dwelling in you. If anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he does not belong to Him. If Christ is in you, even though the body is dead because of sin, yet the Spirit is alive because of righteousness. But if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead is dwelling in you, He who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit dwelling in you. Brethren, we are not under obligation to the flesh, to live according to it —because if you are living according to the flesh, you are going to die; But, if by the Spirit, you are putting to death the deeds of the body, you will live.

We need to maintain an attitude of resistance towards sin. This is happening every time we confess any known sin to God; then pressing forward in regards to God's plan for our lives.

[Rom 8:14-15 CSB] 14 For all those led by God's Spirit are God's sons. 15 You did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear. Instead, you received the Spirit of adoption, by whom **we cry out, "Abba, Father!"**

[Mar 14:36 NASB] And He was saying, "Abba! Father! All things are possible for You; remove this cup from Me; yet not what I will, but what You will."

These verses above reveal that just as Jesus cried out to the Father, so do we, and there being no difference. This is a beautiful and comforting thing, being reflective of the gracious mercies of our God. Our Father is always ready to provide deliverance.

NASB Rom 8:16 The Spirit Himself testifies with our Spirit that we are children of God. NASB

[Heb 5:7-8 NASB] 7 In the days of His flesh, He offered up both prayers and supplications with loud crying and tears to the One able to save Him from death, and He was heard because of His piety. 8 Although He was a Son, He learned obedience from the things which He suffered.

21. Moving Beyond the Basic Teachings of Salvation

Hebrews six is another passage of the scriptures that has been cited as evidence one can lose their salvation. Rather than reading a verse or two, one must read from the beginning of the chapter, all the way to verse twelve in order to understand what's going on. Verse one is already suggesting there being no loss of salvation. This is showing that basic teachings regarding Christ would do little to fix the issues at hand. In fact, whoever the author of Hebrews is, suggests that moving beyond the basic teachings of salvation are in order for their situation to improve. These believers understood and believed these basic

teachings but remained involved with animal sacrifices; thinking such activities were pleasing to the Lord, while the very opposite was true.

[Heb 6:1-6 NLT] 1 So let us stop going over the basic teachings about Christ again and again. Let us go on instead and become mature in our understanding. Surely we don't need to start again with the fundamental importance of repenting from evil deeds and placing our faith in God. 2 You don't need further instruction about baptisms, the laying on of hands, the resurrection of the dead, and eternal judgment. 3 And so, God willing, we will move forward to further understanding. 4 For it is impossible to bring back to repentance those who were once enlightened--those who have experienced the good things of heaven and shared in the Holy Spirit, 5 who have tasted the goodness of the word of God and the power of the age to come-- 6 and who then turn away from God. It is impossible to bring such people back to repentance; by rejecting the Son of God, they themselves are nailing him to the cross once again and holding him up to public shame.

As long as these believers were involved in these activities a veil would remain in place not allowing them to see more advanced teachings demonstrating the depths of God's Salvation plan. These activities, being dead works, could only bring shame to Jesus, Him being the true sacrifice given once and for all.

[Heb 6:7-8 NLT] 7 When the ground soaks up the falling rain and bears a good crop for the farmer, it has God's blessing. 8 But if a field bears thorns and thistles, it is useless. The farmer will soon condemn that field and burn it.

These dead works being burned up are indicative of the same as we saw in 1 Corinthians 3:13. Yet more than dead works, sin is involved here also, indicated by the words "thorns and thistles"; thus, sufferings for sins are present. The sufferings related to such sinning would come with Jerusalem and the temple being destroyed by the Roman Army in August of 70 A.D., ending any animal sacrifices of that period of time. The temple functioning could only be a stumbling block to many since Jesus fulfilled everything related to salvation.

NASB Heb 9:11-12 But when Christ appeared as a high priest of the good things to come, He entered through the greater and more perfect tabernacle, not made with hands, that is to say, not of this creation; and not through the blood of goats and calves, but through His own blood, He entered the holy place once for all, having obtained eternal redemption. NASB

Obviously, these converts were not aware, or were doubting the words of Jesus regarding the temple's impending doom. God intended that this building be destroyed, just as Jesus had prophesied.

NASB Luk 19:42-44 saying, "If you had known in this day, even you, the things which make for peace! But now they have been hidden from your eyes. "For the days will come upon you when your enemies will throw up a barricade against you, and surround you and hem you in on every side, and they will level you to the ground and your children within you, and they will not leave in you one stone upon another, because you did not recognize the time of your visitation." NASB

[Luk 21:5-6 NIV] 5 Some of his disciples were remarking about how the temple was adorned with beautiful stones and with gifts dedicated to God. But Jesus said, 6 "As for what you see here, the time will come when not one stone will be left on another; every one of them will be thrown down."

The author of Hebrews is convinced these believers need only move to more advanced teachings to accompany the salvation they already have, also pointing out that God was aware of them having a good start in the faith. He suggests they move on imitating the behavior of those who preceded them. He is implying they stop doing useless activities, thus, following the example of those who are inheriting the promises.

[Heb 6:9-12 NKJV] 9 But, beloved, we are confident of better things concerning you, yes, **things that accompany salvation**, though we speak in this manner. 10 For God [is] not unjust to forget your work and labor of love which you have shown toward His name, [in that] you have ministered to the saints, and do minister. 11 And we desire that each one of you show the same diligence to the full assurance of hope until the end, 12 that you do not become sluggish, but imitate those who through faith and patience inherit the promises.

22. Struggles to Overcome Sin

Next, we will show Paul's testimonies regarding the struggles to overcome sin, thus rising above sin through the power of God. Paul is so complete in his presentation of the Book of Romans, that any commentary would do little to improve it.

[Rom 8:2 NKJV] 2 For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has made me free from the law of sin and death.

NASB Rom 7:1-25 Or do you not know, brethren (for I am speaking to those who know the law), that the law has jurisdiction over a person as long as he lives? The married woman is bound by law to her living husband while he's alive; but if her husband dies, she is released from the law regarding her husband. On the other hand, if her husband is living and she is joined to another man, she will be called an adulteress; but if the husband dies, she is free from the law, no longer an adulteress though she is joined to another man. Therefore, my brethren, you also were made to die to the Law through the body of Christ, so that you might be joined to another, to Him who was raised from the dead, in order that we might bear fruit for God. when we were in the flesh, along with the sinful passions, which were aroused by the Law, these were at work in our members to bear fruit for death. But now we have been released from the Law, having died to what we were bound, so that we serve in newness of the Spirit and not in oldness of the law. What shall we say then? Is the Law sin? May it never be! On the contrary, I would not have come to know sin except through the Law; because I would not have known about coveting if the Law had not said, "YOU SHALL NOT COVET." But sin, taking opportunity through the commandment, produced in me coveting of every kind; for apart from the Law sin is dead. I was once alive apart from the Law; but when the commandment came, sin became alive and I died; and this commandment, which was to result in life, proved to result in death for me; for sin, taking an opportunity through the commandment, deceived me and through it killed me. So then, the Law is holy, and the

commandment is holy and righteous and good. Did that which is good become a cause of death for me? May it never be! Rather it was sin, in order that it might be shown to be sin by effecting my death through that which is good, so that through the commandment sin would become totally sinful. We know that the Law is spiritual, but I am of flesh, sold into sin. What I am doing, I do not understand; I am not practicing what I would like to do, but I am doing everything I hate. But if I am doing the things I don't want to do, I must agree with the Law, confessing that the Law is good. therefore, am I no longer the one doing it, but it's the sin which dwells in me. I know that nothing good dwells in me, that is, in my flesh; the willingness is present in me, but the doing the right thing is not. The good that I want, I'm not doing, yet I practice the very evils I do not want. If I am doing the very thing I do not want, I am no longer the one doing it, but it is the sin which dwells in me. I find then the law that evil is present in me, the one who wants to do good. I joyfully agree with the law of God regarding the inner man, but I see a different law in the members of my body, waging war against the law of my mind, taking me captive to serve the law of sin in my Body. Wretched man that I am! Who will set me free from this body of death? Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord! So then, on the one hand I myself with my mind am serving the law of God, but on the other, with my flesh the law of sin. NASB

NASB Rom 8:1-17 Therefore there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. Because the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and death. What the Law could not do, being weak because it was according to the flesh, God did: sending His own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh; as an offering for sin, thus He condemned sin in the flesh, in order that the requirement of the Law be fulfilled in us, who are not walking according to the flesh but to the Spirit. Those walking according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who are according to the Spirit, the things of the Spirit. The mind set on the flesh is death, but the mind set on the Spirit is life and peace, because the mind set on the flesh is hostile toward God; not subjecting itself to the law of God, it's not even able to do so, therefore those who are in the flesh cannot please God. However, you are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God dwells in you. But if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he does not belong to Him. If Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, yet the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who dwells in you. Therefore, brethren, we are not under obligation to the flesh, to live according to the flesh. If you are living according to the flesh, you are going to die; but if your living according to the Spirit you are putting to death the deeds of the body, thus you will live. All who are being led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God. Because you have not received a spirit of slavery leading to fear again, but you have received a Spirit of adoption as sons by which we cry out, "Abba! Father!" The Spirit Himself testifies with our Spirit that we are children of God, and if children, heirs also, heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with Him so that we may also be glorified with Him. NASB

[2Co 3:18 NIV] 18 And we all, who with unveiled faces contemplate the Lord's glory, are being transformed into his image with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit.

NASB 1Pe 1:3-5) Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His great mercy has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to obtain an inheritance which is imperishable and undefiled and will not fade away, reserved in heaven for you, who are protected by the power of God through faith; for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. NASB

Heb 10:21-31 Since we have a great priest/Jesus over the house of God, let us draw near with a sincere heart with full assurance of faith, that we have our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience, also our bodies washed with pure water. Therefore, let's hold fast the confession of our hope without any wavering, because He who has promised is faithful. Let us consider how to be stimulating one another in love and good deeds; not forsaking our own assembling together, as is the habit of some. We should be encouraging one another all the more as we see the day drawing near. If we go on sinning intentionally after receiving the knowledge of the truth, there will no longer remain a sacrifice for sin, only the terrifying expectation of judgment and THE FURY OF A FIRE WHICH WILL CONSUME THE ADVERSARIES. Anyone who was setting aside the Law of Moses died without mercy on the testimony of two or three witnesses. How much severer punishment do you think we will deserve if we trample underfoot the Son of God, regarding as unclean the blood of the covenant by which we were sanctified/saved, insulting the Spirit of grace? We know Him who said, "VENGEANCE IS MINE, I WILL REPAY." Again, "Jehovah WILL JUDGE HIS PEOPLE." It's a terrifying thing to fall into the hands of the living God.

This Hebrews passage reflects parental discipline designed to wake up the believer that is drifting off-course. At a certain point in the growth of any believer, our point of reference must be respect for God. The necessary motivation He provides for us, can at times be terrifying. Eventually God calls us to go out of our comfort zone, this being necessary to carry out His plan for our lives.

Heb 13:12-13 Therefore Jesus, so that He sanctify the people through His own blood, suffered outside the gate. Therefore, let us go out to Him, outside the camp, also bearing His reproach.

23. Notice First Letter of John 5:18

Moving on to first John five-eighteen reveals a very profound truth. The very power we have from God, inherited from the Spiritual Birth in Christ, is a Spiritual environment that cannot be permeated by sin. After Salvation, we can choose to live in the flesh; only in this arena can we sin. On the other hand, if we choose to live in the Spirit, this is an encapsulated Spiritual environment where we have the power to do God's will. We have our calling from God where there's no temptations to sin. Staying within the boundaries of God's calling for our lives is the key for reaping the benefits that go along with eternal life. Through positive volition towards God's plan, and confession of sin when necessary, it's inevitable we'll arrive at the place where we can Glorify God in our lives.

1Jo 5:18-21 We know that no one who's born of God sins; but (Jesus), who was born of God, keeps him (from sin), and the evil one has no control over him. We know that we are the ones from God, and that the whole world lies in the power of Satan. And we know that the Son of God has come, having given us understanding so that we know we are in Him who is true, in His Son Jesus Christ. This is the true God and eternal life.
Little children, guard yourselves from idols.

Rom 7:17 So now, I am no longer the one doing it, but the sin which is dwelling in me.

Rom: 7:20 If I am doing the very things I do not want to do, I am no longer the one doing it, but it is the sin which dwells in me.

In the ancient world many had given in to household idols. Not only were they believed in, they represented the very fabric of Ancient Culture. Many of these sculptures were ornate; representing the skill of the artisan. Each of these idols was representative of a particular benefit, and patron of a city; thus, the people receiving a benefit for serving it. Rome occupied much of the world during the times of the Apostles. Rome was the melting pot of many cultures, therefore every form of idolatry conceivable was readily available. Today we live in times where the passing pleasures of sin are rampant, just as in the days of the Roman Empire. Today we find ourselves in an age of fascination with technology, giving praise to the art and craftsmanship of man. God is calling us to give lesser importance to these things, in order to serve Him well. In the ancient world one would be inclined to give praise to a fine Chariot of Horse; but now the same would be true regarding modern transportation.

Psalm 20:7 Some boast in chariots and others in horses, but we will boast in the name of Jehovah our God.

24. Trust and Grow

Chapter 11 of Hebrews gives us encouragement in the light of many heroes that have preceded us in their sufferings/victories for the faith. Hebrews 12:1 asks us to set aside the sin or encumbrance that has prevented us from moving forward in God's plan.

Heb 12:1 Since we have so great a cloud of witnesses surrounding us, let us lay aside every encumbrance, and the sin which has so easily entangled us, letting us run the race set before us with endurance.

As we can see by now, Salvation is two parts. Part one is putting our trust in Jesus; thus, God sealing us for the day of Redemption.

2Co 1:22 God is who sealed us and gave us the Spirit in our hearts as a down payment.

[Eph 1:13 RSV] 13 In him you also, who have heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and have believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit,

NASB Eph 4:30 Do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, in whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. NASB

The second part of our Salvation is continuing to grow whenever the opportunity is present. Remember that not all those born of God are in an environment conducive to bearing fruit. Those having opportunity will bear fruit for those without any opportunity.

25. Nothing Related to the Flesh Can Save Us

The following passage is so important, in that it sheds light on the fact that neither literal blood nor any actions we can take related to the flesh can save us. Jesus did not bleed to death on the post, but chose His own timing to leave His Body behind. Jesus' body needed something more than literal blood for it to survive because the soldier's spear left Jesus' body with a hole in its heart and the blood vital to the body's survival on the Ground, at the base of the Post. The Blood of the New Covenant is Spirit, (which is God's very substance), and our point of contact with God.

Jhn 1:12-13 But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God; to those who believe in His name, who were born not of bloods, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.

26. God's Unwavering Yes

The following passage from second Corinthians is important in that Paul is affirming that those that are in Christ/the Anointing are beneficiaries of all of the promises of God. Satanic Religion wants to Say Yes and No, leaving no security other than the Idea of continual payments being made in order to secure a place of uncertainty. Paul is making it clear that there is no deviation in the promises of God; they are all saying YES in Jesus. The depth of the following passage is nothing less than astounding and should be read in your bible as the following is merely the shortest possible explanation of it.

(2Co 1:18-22) Just as God is faithful, Paul's message to Corinthians was not yes and no. For this cause the Son of God, the Anointed Savior, was preached among the Corinthians by Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy; and that Preaching was **not yes and no, but was yes in Him/Jesus**. Because as many as are the promises of God, in Jesus they are always yes; and through Jesus came Paul's, Silvanus's, and Timothy's confidence to say Amen to the glory of God that was working through them. Now He who established Paul and his companions with the Corinthians in the anointing of Jesus was God, who sealed them, giving them the Spirit in their hearts as a promise.

Never once in either first or second Corinthians does Paul make any suggestion there being uncertainties about their salvation; and yet many were suffering from various stages of Carnality and discipline, even leading to physical death in some cases. On the contrary, Paul was assuring them that their decisions made for the Savior was completely secure, all of them having a permanent place in the life of their Lord.

27. God's Great Salvation in the Book of Revelations

The Last place we look to God's so great salvation, is the book of Revelations. Revelations is the greatest literary Puzzle known to man. Revelations proves that all the rest of the Bible is true, also confirming that the God of the universe, and its creator, does exist in the grandest sense of the Word of God. We will be following the **sevens** of Revelations until we are sitting on the throne in the person of Jesus Christ in God (see also Eph 2:6). This is the most profound truth the world will ever know: showing that the True Church of God definitely does not pass into the tribulations, but is delivered through the Rapture, passing into Heaven to the throne room of God. Thus, returning to earth in the person of Jesus, in God; and this

we do near the end of the tribulations. Thus, we will be Royal Priests ruling the nations with a Rod of Iron for a thousand years.

- **To Everyone who Overcomes...**

First of all, we will look at all the overcoming that takes place before our salvation takes on its ultimate form. So important is the following, that any Growing relationship with the Lord will suffer without the blessings of The Book of Revelations.

Rev 1:3 Blessed is he who reads and those who hear the words of this prophecy, taking heed to the things which are written in them; because the time is near.

Rev 2:7 'He who is having an ear, let him hear what the Spirit is saying to the churches. To everyone who overcomes, I will grant that they eat of the **tree of life** which is in the Paradise of God.'

Access to the tree of life was lost through the original sin of Adam and the Woman; but due to the Anointed Savior's Gift of Eternal life, this tree is Restored to the Sons of the Second Adam.

(Rev 2:11) 'He who is having an ear, let them hear what the Spirit is saying to the churches. He who overcomes **will not be hurt by the second death.**'

Again, through The Anointed Savior we are Propitiated and redeemed because of the Lamb of God; excusing us from any liabilities related to the last Judgment, which carries out the verdicts regarding the second death, this being the destiny of those rejecting the redemption solution of the Anointed Savior.

(Rev 2:17) 'He who is having an ear, let them hear what the Spirit is saying to the churches. To those who overcome, to these I will give some of the **hidden manna**, and I will give them a **white stone**, and a **new name written on the stone** which no one knows but he who receives it.'

The Hidden manna is a portion of the truth that is brought out of obscurity. These truths were oppressed by men of unrighteousness; but have come to be known again through teachers of Righteousness.

(Rom 1:18) The wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men who suppress the truth by unrighteousness.

- **Warnings Against the Great Harlot**

The Great Harlot's Profile in Revelations, chapters seventeen and eighteen, demonstrates the organization claiming to be the very **Spokesman** of God, but Her actions and lies deny it. The following verses are one of many of Her statements reflective of Her thinking that She is the Bride of Christ, but is in fact the Great Prostitute descended from Babylon that throughout the ages has adulterated the entire word of God to Her own destruction.

(Rev 18:7) "To the extent that she glorified herself and lived in luxury, to this same degree give her torments and mourning; because she says in her heart, 'I SIT as A QUEEN AND I AM NOT A WIDOW, and will never know any mourning.'

(Isa 47:8-9) "Now hear this, you sensual one, who always dwells securely, who says in your heart, 'I am, and there is no one else besides me; nor will I ever sit as a widow or experience any loss of children. "On the contrary; these two things will come on you suddenly, in one day: Loss of children and widowhood. They will come on you in full measure In spite of your many remedies and the great power of your spells/deceptions.

- **More Promises to the Victorious**

The white stone with the New Name written on it will be our New name forever in the Savior/The Word Of God.

NASB Rev 19:13 He is clothed with a robe dipped in blood, and His name is called The Word of God.

When we advance to Revelations 3:12, further clarification regarding our new names will become evident.

(Rev 2:26-28) **'He who overcomes, and he who keeps My deeds until the end, TO HIM I WILL GIVE AUTHORITY OVER THE NATIONS; AND HE SHALL RULE THEM WITH A ROD OF IRON, AS THE VESSELS OF THE POTTER ARE BROKEN TO PIECES, just as I have received authority from My Father; and I will give him the morning star.**

All those believing in the Anointed Savior will overcome. Thus, being in Jesus/in the Father, Ruling the Nations forever with a Rod of Iron. We are also given the commendation of the Savior, the Morning Star. The Morning Star is sharing in the Glory of The Savior/in The Father Forever.

1Jo 5:4-5 For whoever is born of God overcomes the world; our faith is the victory that has overcome the world. Who is the one who overcomes the world? It is he who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

[Rev 3:5 NKJV] 5 "He who overcomes shall be **clothed in white garments, and I will not blot out his name from the Book of Life; but I will confess his name before My Father and before His angels.**

Once again, another Promise regarding our relationship in The Savior; thus, eternal life in Him.

[Rev 3:12 NKJV] 12 "He who overcomes, **I will make him a pillar in the temple of My God, and he shall go out no more. I will write on him the name of My God and the name of the city of My God, the New Jerusalem, which comes down out of heaven from My God. And [I will write on him] My new name.**

Here is the Greatest Expression of our future with God: those overcoming will be forever in God's Temple/Person. **Our name being: Jehovah, New Jerusalem, King of Kings and Lord of Lords.** The names being in Hebrew and pronounced accordingly; thus, in the future with Him these things will be more completely revealed.

Rev 3:21 'He who overcomes, **I will grant that he sits down with Me on My throne, just as I overcame and sat down with My Father on His throne.**

Those overcoming will be reigning on a single Throne in The Savior/In the Father.

Jhn 17:20-23) "I do not ask on behalf of these alone, but for those also who believe in Me through their word; that they all be one; even as You, Father, are in Me and I in You, that they also be in Us, so that the world believes that You sent Me. "The glory which You have given Me I have given to them, that they be one, just as We are one; I in them and You in Me, that they be perfected in unity, so that the world know that You sent Me, and loved them, even as You have loved Me.

NASB Rev 21:7 "**He who overcomes will inherit these things, and I will be his God and he will be My Son.** NASB

Unfortunately, bibles are not consistent in the words of Jesus/God being in Red letters. Here, in order to remain faithful to Jesus'/God's true identity being one, these words (in Rev 21:3-8) should be in red.

- **Word, Spirit, Life**

The simplest way to see God and Man/Jesus being one is the Bread and the Cup. The (Bread) is the Humanity/The Word/The Body/Flesh; and the Cup/The (Wine) is God/Spirit/Father. The One name that is indicative of the Bread/Man and the Wine/God being Combined in the person of Jesus.

Jhn 6:53-63 Jesus said to them, "Truly, truly, I am saying to you, that unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink His blood, you will have no life in yourselves. "He who eats My flesh and drinks My blood is having eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day. "Because My flesh is true food, and My blood is true drink. "He who eats My flesh and drinks My blood dwells in Me, and I in him. "Just as the living Father sent Me, and I alive because of the Father, so he who eats Me will live because of Me. "This is the bread which came down out of heaven; not the same as the fathers ate and died; but he who eats this bread will live forever." These things The Savior said in the synagogue as He taught in Capernaum. As a result of these statements, many of His disciples hearing this said, "This is difficult to accept; who can listen to these things?" But Jesus, conscious of His disciples grumbling, said to them, "Does this cause you to stumble? "What then, do you need to see the Son of Man ascending to where He was before? "It is the Spirit who gives life; otherwise the flesh profits nothing; the **Words** that I spoke to you are **Spirit** and are **Life**.

No amount of Jesus' literal flesh or blood were ever eaten nor drank that day, and neither were they eaten or drank any time thereafter. Verse Sixty-three sets the truth in order noting two words: **Words and Spirit**. The Spirit/God Makes the Words of the Gospel perspicuous to those who are being called for Salvation.

2Co 5:17-19 If anyone is in Christ, he is a new creature; the old things have passed away; and behold, new things have come. All these things are from God, who reconciled us to Himself through the Anointed One; also giving us the ministry of reconciliation. In other words, God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, not

counting their trespasses against them, and He has endowed us with the Word of reconciliation.

- **The Sevens of Revelations**

God has placed in us the Spiritual ability to participate in the Word of Reconciliation just as it was in Christ. If there be any doubts about these things God has provided for us **THE SEVENS OF REVELATIONS**. The sevens of Revelations take us to the most profound truths we will ever know and love. Here we are. Let's follow the Sevens!

NASB Rev 1:4 John **to the seven churches** that are in Asia: Grace to you and peace, from Him who is and who was and who is to come, and **from the seven Spirits** who are before His throne. NASB

First of all, notice that this says, "**His** throne" not "Their throne". By the time we are done with these Sevens, we will see the church on that throne in the most profound way we could imagine.

Rev 1:11-12 "Write in a book what you see, and send it to **the seven churches**: to Ephesus, Smyrna, Pergamum, Thyatira, Sardis, Philadelphia, and to Laodicea."

John turned to see the voice that was speaking with him. And having turned John saw **seven golden lampstands**. Here is the first view of the Seven Golden Lampstands: There are seven flames of fire on each of the seven lampstands, adding up to Forty-nine.

[Rev 1:16 NKJV] 16 **He had in His right hand seven stars**, out of His mouth went a sharp two-edged sword, and His countenance [was] like the sun shining in its strength.

The following Verse is the Key that unlocks the Puzzle:

Rev 1:20 "As for the mystery of the seven stars which you were seeing in My right hand, and the seven golden lampstands: **the seven stars** are the angels/messengers of the seven churches, **and the seven lampstands** are the seven churches.

First of all, the word "Angel" in the Hebrew and the Greek almost always needs to be understood as meaning "Messenger"; otherwise there will be tragic misunderstandings for many. These Stars/Messengers are the pastors of these churches; they are the stars of the show who are given insights to edify the Body.

[Dan 12:3 NIV] 3 Those who are wise will shine like the brightness of the heavens, and those who lead many to righteousness, like the stars for ever and ever.

Pastor-Teachers are the ones we look to for instruction in the Word of God throughout the Church age. The Stars being in the Lord's Right hand is indicative of the power of the Word of God being delivered to the Congregations interdependently with Christ and the Pastor. This is a picture of the Pastors' Anointing in Christ. The word "Christ" means "Anointed". Anointed means the person is clothed with the power of God. This includes various Spiritual abilities given to us by God in order that the Church functions exclusively in the Power of God/Spirit.

NASB Rev 2:1 “To the angel of the church in Ephesus write: The One who holds **the seven stars** in His right hand, the One who walks among **the seven golden lampstands**, says this: NASB

Walking among the seven Golden Lampstands is indicative of Christ’s/God’s presence in and among His people. A Church is a group of believers connected in the Spirit of Jesus/of God the Father for a common union to glorify our Lord in Word, Deed, and in His Power.

NASB Rev 3:1 “To the angel of the church in Sardis write: He who has **the seven Spirits of God and the seven stars**, says this: ‘I know your deeds, that you have a name that you are alive, but you are dead. NASB

- **The Rapture of the Church**

The Seven Spirits of God in Revelations 4:5 is a transition to reveal deeper truths as to who we are to become in Christ. Before we look to this verse, let us look at **verse one of Chapter four** revealing the Church Rapturing to Heaven. Jesus was giving all the Churches specific instructions regarding their Spiritual condition; thus, God was seeking they improve their behavior. Notice verse one starts with the statement; **“After these Things.”** These three words will be very important to take note of every time they occur here after in the Revelations. These three words indicate breaking points in a sequence of events, thus they are critical for accurate interpretation of the Revelations. Verse one begins and ends with these same words; God wanting no misunderstanding that this point is prophetic regarding the Rapture of the Church, as we will soon see. The book of Revelations is a flight simulator taking us into the past, present, and the future.

NASB Rev 4:1 **After these things** I looked, and behold, there was a door standing open in heaven, and the first voice which I had heard, like **the sound of a trumpet** speaking with me, said, “Come up here, and I will show you what must take place **after these things.**” NASB

Firstly, we have a door standing open which is a picture of the Church gaining entrance to heaven; John again hearing Jesus’ voice like the sound of a trumpet. Paul, in First Corinthians and Thessalonians, touches on the subject of the Rapture of the Church.

1Co 15:51 Behold, I will tell you a mystery; we are not all going to sleep, but we will all be changed,

“We will not all sleep” indicates men passaging into heaven without death; again, this taking place at the Rapture of the Church just before the tribulations starts.

1Co 15:52 In only a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, **at the last trumpet**; because **the trumpet** will sound, and the dead will be raised incorruptible, and we will be changed. This corruptible must put on the incorruptible; this mortal must put on immortality. When this corruptible has put on the incorruptible, and this mortal has put on immortality, then will come the saying that is written, “**DEATH IS SWALLOWED UP** in victory.

1Th 4:16-17 The Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel and **the trumpet of God**, then the dead in Christ will rise first. Then **we who are alive and remaining will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air**, and so we will always be with the Lord.

This is the last trumpet for the Church age; but unbelievers passing into the tribulations will have their own events involving trumpets, with successions of Judgements designed to harvest all those that would believe in Jesus, and sending all those despising Jesus to their End. Here we are again at Revelations Four-One when the Church is Raptured to Heaven:

Rev 4:1-3 After these things I looked, and behold, a door was standing open in heaven, and the first voice I had heard, that was like the sound of a trumpet speaking with me, said, “Come up here, and **I will show you what must take place after these things.**” Instantly I was in the Spirit; and behold, there was a throne standing in heaven, and one sitting on the throne. He who was sitting on the throne was like a jasper stone and a sardius in appearance; and there was a rainbow around the throne, looking like an emerald.

- **Jesus and His Bride**

First of all, John is seeing specifically God on the throne; yet Jesus will soon be united with His Bride/The Church on the throne. The following verse indicates Lightning and thunder; this is what Rapture means i.e. Loud noise, like fireworks celebrating a Great event in time. In this case the Church has just arrived in heaven. Remember now **the Seven lamps are the seven Churches**, and now they are standing **before the throne**.

NASB Rev 4:5 Out from the throne come flashes of lightning and sounds and peals of thunder. And there were **seven lamps** of fire burning before the throne, **which are the seven Spirits of God**. NASB

Notice that **the Seven Lamps are the Seven Spirits of God**. Remember **the Seven Lamps are the Seven Churches (Rev 1:20)**; and **now the Seven Lamps are said to be the Seven Spirits of God**. And Just ahead the seven Spirits of God are said to have been sent out into all the earth.

NASB Rev 5:1 I saw in the right hand of Him who sat on the throne a book written inside and on the back, sealed up with seven seals. NASB

Here God is holding the Book; But soon Christ and His Church is revealed...:

Rev 5:2-5 I saw a strong angel proclaiming with a loud voice, saying, “Who is worthy to open the book and, thus, to break its seals?” And no one in heaven or on the earth or under the earth was able to open the book to look into it. Then I/John began to weep greatly because no one was found worthy to open the book to look into it; then one of the elders said to me, “Stop weeping; behold, **the Lion that is from the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has overcome so as to open the book and its seven seals.**”

The next verse reveals the marriage of Jesus and the Church/Bride.

Rev 5:6 I saw in the center of the throne (with the four living creatures) and the elders,
a Lamb standing as if slain, having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven Spirits of God, sent out into all the earth.

Here is a review in case you missed it: **The Seven Lamps are the Seven Churches, the Seven Churches are the Seven Spirits of God, and the Seven eyes and horns of the Lamb are the Seven Spirits of God that were sent out into all the earth.** The following is **Jesus and the Church *in one Body* breaking the seals** of the book.

Rev 6:1 I saw when the Lamb broke one of the seven seals, and then I heard one of the four living creatures saying as with a voice of thunder, "Come."

It is important to note that all the lamps arrived in heaven complete. All of Jesus'/God's people respond to His instruction and therefore Overcome. All took Heed to the instruction of the Lord to believe in Him whom He sent.

[Jhn 6:29 NIV] 29 Jesus answered, "The work of God is this: to **believe in the one he has sent.**"

Jo 3:16: "God loved the world so much, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believes in Him will never perish, but have eternal life."

- **Crushing Satan's Head**

We as the Church will, in the future, participate with Jesus, in God, in Him as one Body To Crush Satan's Head with our foot.

NASB Rom 16:20 The God of peace will soon crush Satan under your feet. The grace of our Lord Jesus be with you. NASB

Gen 3:14-15 Jehovah God said to the serpent, "Because you have done this, You are cursed more than all cattle, And more than all the beasts of the field; On your belly you will go, And dust you will eat All your days; And I will put enmity Between you and the woman, And between your seed and her seed; He/Christ/Church shall bruise you on the head, And you shall bruise Him on the heel."

Crushing Satan's head is a lethal blow; but Satan, throughout history, has poisoned the people of God, yet this is nonlethal; nonetheless, it is a source of continual suffering for all those who love the name of the Savior.

The 666 Inquisition Salvation In The Tribulations

Yet another aspect of Salvation or deliverance from the second death is for those unbelievers who pass into the Tribulations. Obviously, there will be a multitude turning to Jesus only moments after the Rapture occurs, considering, literally, millions or possibly billions of people will make their departure from earth as a result of the Rapture. On the other hand, a great deception will occur with the Governing world authorities stating that, in fact, the bad people were taken away leaving the good people on the

earth; however, there will be literally millions that will be refusing this deception. The ones refusing this deception will be the people refusing the Mark of the Beast; which we'll be calling the 666 Inquisition.

Rev 13:11-17 The Apostle John saw another beast coming up out of the earth; having two horns like a lamb and he was speaking like a dragon. He has all the authority of the first beast when he is in his presence. This second beast causes those who dwell on earth to worship the first beast, whose fatal wound was healed. The second beast performs great signs, so that even fire comes down out of heaven to the earth in the presence of men. He deceives those who dwell on the earth because of the signs that will be given him to perform in the presence of the beast, telling them to make an image to the beast who had the wound of the sword and has come to life. It was given to him to give breath to the image of the first beast, so that the image of the beast would even speak; causing all those refusing to worship the image of the beast to be killed. And he causes all, the small and the great, and the rich and the poor, and the freemen and the slaves, to be given a mark on their right hand or on their forehead. He also instructs that no one will be able to buy or to sell, except the one who has the mark, either the name of the beast or the number of his name.

- **The 666 Inquisition**

The ones subjected to the 666 Inquisition will be murdered, imprisoned, and or tortured, with any wealth or property they had being looted/confiscated by this ages-old Harlot Beast behavior. This worldwide 666 Inquisition is an example of the wrath of man/Satan acting in accord with the will of God.

Rev 13:5-7 The Beast was given a mouth to speak arrogant words and blasphemies, and authority was given the Beast to act for forty-two months; thus, blaspheming God, and His tabernacle, that is to say, those who dwell in heaven. The Beast was given authority over every tribe, people, tongue, and nation; also, being given to make war with the saints and to overcome them.

NASB Dan 12:6-7 And one said to the man dressed in linen, who was above the waters of the river, "How long will it be until the end of these wonders?" I heard the man dressed in linen, who was above the waters of the river, as he raised his right hand and his left toward heaven, and swore by Him who lives forever that it would be for a time, times, and half a time (**3.5 years**); and as soon as they finish shattering the power of the holy people, all these events will be completed. NASB

This inquisition will be taking place within the first 3 ½ years/Forty-two months of the 7-year Tribulation. This Satanic Religious cleansing contributes (in most part) to the Great Multitude in Heaven that no one can count.

(Rev 7:9-17) After these things John looked, and saw a great multitude which no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and tongue. They were standing in front of the throne before the Lamb. They were clothed in white robes, having palm branches in their hands; and were crying out with a loud voice, saying, "Salvation to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!" All the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures; and they fell on their faces in front of the throne and worshiped God, saying, "Amen, blessing, glory, wisdom, thanksgiving,

honor, power, and might be given to our God forever and ever. Amen.” Then one of the elders spoke and was saying to me, “These you see who are clothed in the white robes, who are they, and where have they come from?” I said to him, “My lord, you should know.” Then he said to me, “These are the ones who will come out of the great tribulation, having washed their robes and making them white in the blood of the Lamb. “For this reason, they are before the throne of God; and will serve Him day and night in His temple; and He who sits on the throne will spread His tabernacle over them. “They will no longer hunger, nor will they thirst anymore; neither will the sun beat down on them, nor will there be any heat; because the Lamb in the center of the throne will be their shepherd, guiding them to springs of the water of life; and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.”

- **The Two Witnesses**

Two prophets from God, called The Two Witnesses, Start prophesying almost immediately after the rapture of the church until they are killed 3 ½ years later.

NASB Rev 11:3 "And I will grant authority to my two witnesses, and they will prophesy for twelve hundred and sixty days (**3.5 years,**) clothed in sackcloth." NASB

In the middle of the tribulations, the Beast and the Harlot break a peace treaty with Israel setting up the Image of the Beast in the Temple of Jerusalem. This particular event is known as the “Abomination of Desolation”, prophesied by Daniel and warned about by Jesus. Therefore, the people of Jerusalem are instructed to run for their lives to a place where they will be protected and nurtured in the following 3 ½ years.

[Mat 24:15-16 NKJV] 15 "Therefore when you see the 'abomination of desolation,' spoken of by Daniel the prophet, standing in the holy place" (whoever reads, let him understand), 16 "then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains.

NASB Rev 12:14 But the two wings of the great eagle were given to the woman (*Israel*), so that she could fly into the wilderness to her place, where she was nourished for a time and times and half a time (**3.5 years,**) from the presence of the serpent. NASB

The Lord’s two witnesses are killed by the Beast; but will rise from the dead 3 ½ days later. This spectacle is followed by an Earthquake in Jerusalem where a tenth of the City is destroyed, and Seven Thousand more Souls/Spirits are added to the number of martyrs arriving in the temple of Heaven.

Rev 11:10-13 A majority of the people of earth will rejoice over the death of Moses and Elijah, and will celebrate sending gifts to one another, because **these two prophets** will torment those who dwell on the earth. 11 But **after the three and a half days**, the breath of life from God will come into them, and they will stand on their feet; causing great fear to fall upon those who were watching them. 12 And they will hear a loud voice from heaven saying to them, "Come up here." Then they will go up into heaven in the cloud while their enemies are watching them. 13 In that hour there will be a great earthquake, and **a tenth of the city will fall, with seven thousand people dying in the earthquake, but the rest will be terrified and give glory to the God of heaven.**

- **The Battle of Armageddon**

Just moments after the earthquake, the worldwide coalition of armies allied against Israel is defeated in the Valley of Armageddon. The Lord, through a fallen Angelic proxy, causes this Alliance of the nations to turn on one another, yet with those turning to Jesus being killed. This becomes the second contributing factor to the Great Multitude in heaven, with 66,666,666 Souls/Spirits saved out of the Battle of Armageddon; this occurring 3 ½ **days after** the **middle of the Tribulations/Middle of the Week**; thus, taking these recent converts to their eternal dwelling with God in the temple of Heaven.

Rev 9:16, 18 The number of the armies of the horsemen will be two hundred million; **A third of these men** were killed by these three plagues, by the fire and the smoke and the brimstone which proceeded out of their mouths.

The remaining two thirds of the men of these armies were kept alive, allowing them more time to consider the Savior:

Rev 9:20 NASB The rest of the men who were **not killed** by these plagues **did not repent** of the works of their hands, so as not to worship demons, and the idols of gold and of silver and of brass and of stone and of wood, which can neither see nor hear nor walk.

- **The Mystery of God Finished**

Just before the seventh trumpet sounds, all these things will be completed; therefore, with the seventh trumpet, the temple of heaven will again be opened to receive this completed number of Souls/Spirits who are destined to be in the kingdom of heaven.

Rev 10:7 Therefore in the days of the voice of the seventh angel, when he is about to sound, then the mystery of God will be finished, as He preached to His servants the prophets.

The center piece of the **sixth trumpet** is this coalition of the world's Armies having assembled and being defeated at the Valley of Armageddon. Before the Battle at Armageddon, the Beast and the Harlot are completely having their way, murdering, looting, imprisoning, and torturing the people of God. With this victory the Lord begins to Reign over earth (but has not yet physically returned).

Rev 11:15 Then the seventh angel sounded; and there were loud voices in heaven, saying, "The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of His Christ; and He will reign forever and ever."

With the Two witnesses rising from the dead and the defeat of armies of the nations at Armageddon, any mystery regarding there being a sovereign God is finished. Israel will finally know their Lord saved them out of an impossible scenario. At this point, a remnant of mankind will repent putting their trust in the Lord; while those of the Mark of the Beast will be enraged, organizing for a last stand against the Lord at the end of the Tribulations; but not before they are made to endure the bowls of God's wrath in the following 3 ½ years.

The people of **the nations will be enraged**; thus, personally witnessing the Lord's two witnesses rising from the dead, and the defeat of the nations' armies (going against Israel) in the valley of Armageddon.

Rev 11:18 "**The nations were enraged**, and Your wrath came, and the time came to judge the dead, and to reward Your bond-servants the prophets, the saints, and those who fear Your name, the small and the great, and to destroy those who destroy the earth."

- **The Second Half of the Tribulations**

The second half of the tribulations is the long-awaited resumption of the times of Israel; finally, with the bulk of their unbelief washed away. The Ark of the Covenant arriving in heaven is symbolic of Israel's Atonement for the Sins of unbelief. This further exemplifies the rage of the nations, knowing The God of Israel is ruling the world along with His Chosen people.

[Rev 11:19 NKJV] 19 Then the temple of God was opened in heaven, and the ark of His covenant was seen in His temple. And there were lightnings, noises, thunderings, an earthquake, and great hail.

This is the beginning of the Lord's reign over the earth, with the sovereignty of the nations/Gentiles stripped from them; thus, the times of the Gentiles coming to a close **and the subsequent bowls of God's wrath taking place within the following 1256 ½ days.**

Rev 15:1, 7; 16:1 Then I saw another sign in heaven, great and marvelous, seven angels who had seven plagues, **which are the last, because in them the wrath of God is finished.** ... Then one of the four living creatures distributed between the seven angels seven golden bowls full of the wrath of God, He who lives forever and ever. Then I heard a loud voice from the temple, saying to the seven angels, "Go and pour out on the earth the seven bowls of the wrath of God."

- **The Visible Appearance of the King of kings and Lord of lords**

With the final/seventh bowl of wrath poured out, the tribulations will be brought to a close; but not before the visible global appearance of the King of Kings and Lord of Lords who, with the sword of His mouth, destroys any remnants of unbelievers from the face of the earth.

[Rev 19:11, 16 NIV] 11 I saw heaven standing open and there before me was a white horse, whose rider is called Faithful and True. With justice he judges and wages war. ...
16 On his robe and on his thigh he has this name written: KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS.

Psa 2:1-12 Why are the nations in an uproar and the peoples devising plans of vanity? The kings of the earth take their stand; the rulers are taking counsel together against Jehovah, and against His Anointed, saying, "Let us tear their shackles apart, and cast away their cords/restraints from us!" He who sits in the heavens laughs, The Lord scoffs at them. Then He will speak to them in His anger; terrifying them in His fury, saying, "But as for Me, I have installed My King Upon Zion, My holy mountain." "I will surely tell of the decree of Jehovah: He said to Me, 'You are My Son, Today I have begotten You. 'Ask of Me, and I will surely give the nations as Your inheritance, And the very ends of the earth as Your possession. '**You shall break them with a rod of iron, You will shatter them like earthenware.**'" Now therefore, O kings, show discernment;

Take heed, O judges of the earth. Worship Jehovah with reverence, and therefore rejoice with trembling. Do homage to the Son, that He not become angry, and you perish in the way, because His wrath will soon be kindled. How blessed are all those who take refuge in Him!

NASB Rev 19:15 From His mouth comes a sharp sword, so that with it He may strike down the nations, and He will rule them with a rod of iron; and He treads the wine press of the fierce wrath of God, the Almighty. NASB

In Second Thessalonians, we are shown the ultimate defeat of the Beast/Man of Lawlessness and the nations that followed him attempting to war against the Lord:

2Th 2:8 Then **that lawless one** will be revealed whom the Lord will slay with the breath/Sword of His mouth bringing (Him) to an end by the appearance of His coming.

Isa 30:27-28 Listen, the name of the LORD will be coming from a remote place; He is burning in His anger and dense is His smoke; His lips will be filled with indignation, and His tongue is like a consuming fire; His breath is like an overflowing flood which reaches to the neck. **He will shake the nations back and forth in a sieve, putting a bridle in the jaws of the peoples leading to their ruin.**

The Lord will thoroughly clear His threshing floor, providing deliverance/salvation to the global remnant of believers/The wheat that will be passing into the thousand-year reign of the Lord, where they will experience all the benefits of righteousness of the Lord's perfect justice given to this Remnant. While the remainder/the Chaff will perish in this final rebellion against God.

[Mat 3:12 NET] 12 His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clean out his threshing floor and will gather his wheat into the storehouse, but the chaff he will burn up with inextinguishable fire."

[Rev 19:21 NIV] 21 The rest were killed with the sword coming out of the mouth of the rider on the horse, and all the birds gorged themselves on their flesh.

Next, the Beast and the False Prophet (the incarnation of the Great Harlot) are caught and condemned forever; thus, fulfilling Daniel's prophecy delivered about 2,400 years ago:

[Rev 19:20 NKJV] 20 Then the beast was captured, and with him the false prophet who worked signs in his presence, by which he deceived those who received the mark of the beast and those who worshiped his image. These two were cast alive into the lake of fire burning with brimstone.

[Dan 7:11 NASB] "Then I kept looking because of the sound of the boastful words which the horn was speaking; I kept looking until the beast was slain, and its body was destroyed and given to the burning fire.

- **A Harvest of God's Choice**

The Greatest aspect of the tribulations is the demonstration that God, despite any evils in the world, is going to get a harvest of His Choice. During the universal flood of the earth in the of times of Noah (The Preacher of Righteousness), God would have a Harvest. As the flood waters rose, it was inevitable multitudes were remembering the teachings of Noah, thus turning to God for Salvation. Because of the infiltration of a certain type of Angels capable of creating pregnancy, a super race occurred; therefore, God barred them from continuing on in the world for the sake of maintaining true humanity in the world (read Gen 6:1-7.) There was the necessity that Jesus be born true Humanity (The second Adam). So, the Flood was a deliverance of Salvation for all humanity so that Messiah would come into the world maintaining the Genetics of Adam. God is merciful, always seeking to save all those that would have Him. Even in the case of Sodom and Gomorrah there would be those crying out to the Lord just before they were killed.

Mat 10:15 “I say to you in truth, it’s to be more tolerable for the land of Sodom and Gomorrah in the Day of Judgment than for that city.

Mat 11:23 “And you, Capernaum, will not be exalted to heaven, will you? You will descend to Hades; because if the miracles had happened in Sodom which had happened in you, it would have remained to this day.

Luk 10:14 “It will be more tolerable for Sidon and Tyre in the day of judgment than it will be for you.

Rom 10:13 “WHOEVER CALLS ON THE NAME OF THE LORD WILL BE SAVED.”